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## AUTHORIZING THE PRINTING OF A REVISED EDITION OF "THE CAPITOL" AS A HOUSE DOCUMENT

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JULY 28 (legislative day, JULY 27), 1965.—Ordered to be printed

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Mr. JORDAN of North Carolina, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, submitted the following

### REPORT

[To accompany H. Con. Res. 364]

The Committee on Rules and Administration, to which was referred the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 364) authorizing the printing of a revised edition of "The Capitol" as a House document, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the concurrent resolution be agreed to.

House Concurrent Resolution 364 would authorize the printing as a House document, with illustrations, of a revised edition of "The Capitol" (H. Doc. 394, 87th Cong.); and further would authorize the printing of 469,000 additional copies of such document, of which 439,000 would be for the use of the House of Representatives (1,000 per Member) and 30,000 would be for the use of the Joint Committee on Printing. The printing-cost estimate is \$73,661.

Background information relative to previous editions of "The Capitol" is contained in a statement by Representative Omar Burleson, chairman of the Committee on House Administration, which statement is as follows:

The Committee on House Administration of the Congress of the United States, and its chairman, feel wholeheartedly that every encouragement should be given to the widest possible dissemination of educational material about the Capitol of our country. This is precisely what the book "The Capitol" has done to an outstanding degree.

Twice in 5 years inquiries were directed to the Government Printing Office to determine the worthwhileness, that is the public acceptability, of this book, "The Capitol." To this

first inquiry authorized by the Committee on House Administration and the Joint Committee on Printing in 1961 when publication of the third edition, preceding this one, was under consideration, Carper W. Buckley, Superintendent of Documents of the Government Printing Office, wrote in part as follows:

"'The Capitol in Story and Pictures' has proven, since it was placed on sale in 1956, to be one of the top sellers among the 30,000 titles offered for sale by the Superintendent of Documents. The first edition was a sellout at over 40,000 copies, while the second has to date reached beyond 66,000 with a continuing demand. The total sale of more than 100,000 copies by the Superintendent of Documents at 50 cents each has enabled the Government to recover the cost of the copies involved and, in addition, has allowed a substantial return to the U.S. Treasury."

To the second identical inquiry, in May of 1965, Superintendent Buckley replied:

"The three editions of this publication have resulted in a total sale of more than 163,000 copies, to date. Receipts from this sale have been sufficient to defray the cost of producing the copies for sale, and in addition have made possible the return of a substantial amount of net earnings to the U.S. Treasury. Each succeeding edition of 'The Capitol in Story and Pictures' has proved to be in popular demand. There is no reason to think that this will not continue to be true of any future editions."

Thus, in terms of cold arithmetic, the Committee on House Administration, and I, as its chairman, have the data showing that what the Congress sought to accomplish with this superbly compiled, inspiringly written, and accurately researched and entertaining document, has proved successful. There is the evidence also that along with the considerable copies for free distribution, here was an arresting, printed lesson, in American history that definitely reaches the audience for which it is aimed.

